

FOUR ACES

SCENARIO ASL TAC 33 Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win if, at the end of the scenario, they exit 40VP between 16A5 and 16A10 (see SSR 5) while having inflicted more Casualty VP than they have lost.

FLAVION, BELGIUM, May 15, 1940:

In Dinant, 15th Army Corps of General Hoth crossed the Meuse in force and created openings on the first day. The 9th French Army saw its front disintegrate, and it absolutely had to react vigorously. General Bruneau, controlling the 1st Reserve Armored Division, received the command to counterattack in the sector of 9th Army Corps. The axis of attack was Philippeville-Dinant, to reverse the direction of Rommel's 7th Panzer Division... In the scheduled attack, the French suffered from numerous disadvantages: lacking infantry and modern transmissions, no DCA, no recon units and no coordination between infantry, armor and air support. The gasoline supply was chaotic, as much from the Luftwaffe as the gargantuan consumption of the B1-bis. Planned for the evening of the 14th, the attack was postponed to the following day and the French tanks were placed at the entrances to the village of Flavion. The two half-brigades of the tank division (150 machines) unknowingly faced the 5th and 7th Panzer Division that moved in the first hours of May 15th.

BOARD PLACEMENT:

BALANCE:

- ♣ The Germans must exit 35VP
- ⊙ The Germans must exit 45VP

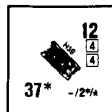


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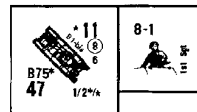
⊙ FRENCH sets up first	♣ 1	♣ 2	♣ 3	⊙ 4	5	6	END
♣ GERMAN moves first							



Elements of 26th BCC, 1st DCR
sets up on board 12, On/West of
hexrow S {SAN:2}:



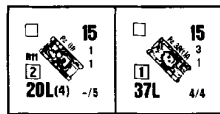
Elements of 28th BCC, 1st DCR
enter on turn 3 along the northern
edge on/between 12I1 and 12Q1:



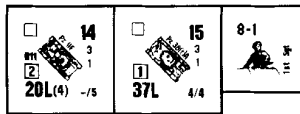
Elements of 25th Panzer Regiment, 7th Panzer-Division {SAN:0}



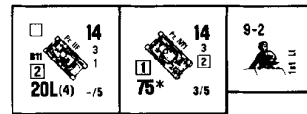
enter on turn 1 on hexes 16GG5
and/or 16GG6 { SAN:0 }:



enter on turn 2 on hexes
16GG5 and/or 16GG6:



enter on turn 3 on hexes
16GG5 and/or 16GG6:



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SSR:

1. EC are moderate, with no wind at start.
2. Gullies and the bridges on board 12 do not exist.
3. Road 16GG5/GG6-Y4-N4-A5/A6 is an Orchard Road.
4. Bore Sighting is prohibited.
5. A German Vehicular Crew that does not exit as Inherent to the AFV does not count towards VP.
6. Use Pz38(t)E counters for missing Pz38(t)Acounters.
7. The B1-bis must enter using Platoon Movement.

AFTERMATH: At 0830 hrs, 6 followed by 22 German tanks were spread out in a rather tight formation as they approached Flavion. Immediately, they were attacked by H39 of the 26th BCC, soon reinforced by B1-bis of 28th BCC. A tank battle began and turned initially in favor of the French. The armor superiority and armament of the heavy tanks was obvious, and many of the Pz38 of PzRgt 25 burned on the Philippeville road. German crews, in spite of this first crushing fight, managed to pass the French tanks and engage them from the sides and rear. The losses were heavy on both sides but the advance of the German armored units was hardly delayed. The 1st DCR, badly supplied and not very mobile, was broken up. Many Panzers were destroyed (30 or 40) but still more French tanks: 65 including approximately 40 B1-bis. 7th Panzer Division completed the destruction of the 1st DCR in the following days. If the French heavy tanks were highly regarded in a tactical confrontation, their defeat was due to their weak autonomy. In effect, whereas the battle was prolonged in the afternoon, the B1-bis ran out of gas one after another and then were either destroyed by the enemy or simply abandoned and sabotaged by their crews. A sad end for the spearhead of the French Army...